

In the Claims:

Claims 1 – 15 have been withdrawn

Claims 16 – 22 are allowable

23. (currently amended) A method of treatment or prophylaxis, by administering to a mammal a medicament comprising a compound of claim ~~4~~16 in a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation, for disorders of respiratory drive, respiratory disorders, sleep-related respiratory disorders, sleep apneas, snoring, of acute and chronic renal disorders, acute renal failure and of chronic renal failure, disorders of intestinal function, high blood pressure, essential hypertension, disorders of the central nervous system, disorders resulting from CNS over-excitability, epilepsy and centrally induced convulsions or of anxiety states, depressions and psychoses, ischemic states of the peripheral or central nervous system and of stroke, acute and chronic damage to and disorders of peripheral organs or limbs caused by ischemic or by reperfusion events, atherosclerosis, disorders of lipid metabolism, thromboses, disorders of biliary function, infestation by ectoparasites, disorders resulting from endothelial dysfunction, protozoal disorders, malaria, for the preservation and storage of transplants for surgical procedures, for use in surgical operations and organ transplantations or for the treatment of states of shock or of diabetes and late damage from diabetes or of diseases in which cellular proliferation represents a primary or secondary cause, ~~and for maintaining health and prolonging life.~~

24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein said medicament further comprises another medicament or active ingredient.

25. (currently amended) A method of claim 23, wherein said method is for the treatment or prophylaxis of disorders of respiratory drive and/or of sleep-related respiratory disorders ~~such as~~ comprising sleep apneas.

26. (original) A method of claim 23, wherein said method is for the treatment or prophylaxis of snoring.

27. (original) A method of claim 23, wherein said method is for the treatment or prophylaxis of acute or chronic renal disorders, of acute renal failure and of chronic renal failure.

28. (currently amended) A method of claim & 23, wherein said method is for the treatment or prophylaxis of disorders of intestinal function.